

REMARKS

Claims 25, 38 and 39 have been amended to correct informalities. Claims 44-66 have been withdrawn in accordance with the Examiner's election requirement.

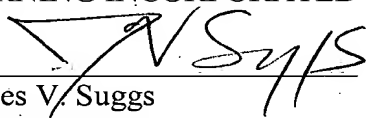
New claims 67 and 68 depend from claims 1 and 21; respectively, and recite a tensile strength of at least about 18 MPa. Support for this limitation is found in the specification as filed at page 14, lines 16-21.

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